
Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework: Annual Report and State of the Region Report

Responsible Officer: General Manager (Phillip Rudd)

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the Annual Report 2023-2024 and the State of the Region Report 2022-2025 under the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework.

Background

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that Council receive an annual report outlining achievements in implementing its Delivery Program through that years Operational Plan. The Annual Report in the year in which an ordinary election of councillors is to be held must also contain a report detailing achievement in implementing the Business Activity Strategic Plan over the term, referred to as the State of the Region report. This report satisfies that requirement.

Governance

Council adopted its current Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework on 15 June 2022. The Framework is applicable for the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2025. The term was reduced to 3 years instead of 4 years across the sector due to the impact of the deferral of the scheduled September 2020 local government election. This occurred in response to the COVID19 pandemic. The cycle at the time was extended from 4 years to 5 years which then required the following cycle to be shorter to resynch with the timing of the 2024 local government election.

The *Local Government Act 1993*, section 428, requires that councils must prepare an Annual Report within 5 months of the end of the financial year. A copy must be available on the council's website and also be provided to the Minister.

Staff have completed a self-assessment against the Office of Local Government's available 'checklists' and formed the view that the documents satisfy all applicable regulatory requirements.

Consultation

This report has been compiled in consultation with management staff.

Conclusion

The annual report has been published on our website <https://rous.nsw.gov.au/annual-reports>.